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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENTS IN VIETNAM

REF: A. BANGKOK 23139, B. BANGKOK 22653, C. BANGKOK 22335

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REF B, MISSION COMPILED LIST OF AMERICAN CHILDREN AND OTHR DEPENDENTS AS CITED REF B AND C, WHICH IT PASSED TO ACTING UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES MACE, WITH REQUEST FOR UNHCR'S ASSISTANCE IN EFFECTING DEPARTURE THESE INDIVIDUALS FROM VIETNAM. PURSUANT REF A, MISSION MAKING LIST AVAILABLE TO ICRC HEADQUARTERS HERE TODAY.

2. IN MEETING YESTERDAY, MACE RAISED WITH MISOFF SUBJECT OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS REMAINING IN VIETNAM, SPECIFICALLY CITING COST OF TRANSPORT. REFERRING TO EARLIER UNHCR-SPONSORED AND FUNDED FLIGHTS TO REMOVE AMERICANS AND REMAINS FOR VIETNAM, MACE STATED THAT SHOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO EVACUATE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP, HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE THAT SOME USG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
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WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT. HE EXPLAINED

THAT LIMITED FUNDS AT UNHCR'S DISPOSITION WHICH COULD
BE ATTRIBUTED FOR THIS PURPOSE HAD NOW BEEN DEPLETED.
MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENTAL
GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT ASSURANCES CAN BE GIVEN UNHCR ON
THIS SCORE.

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS EXPECTED THAT ICRC WILL ALREADY HAVE
LIST OF DEPENDENTS IN DETAIL, MISSION WILL REPORT
SOONEST ANY NOTEWORTHY REACTION ON PART OF ICRC TO
DELIVERY OF LIST AND REQUEST FOR ITS COOPERATION.
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